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SRI N. SANKARA REDDI :—" What about chillies, Sir? They are classified as vegetables."

THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN :—" I would rather say, Sir, that chillies contain one vitamin, and that is vitamin ' C ', which is not contained in any other vegetable."

District Panchayat Officers.

* 83 *Q.*—SRI B. BHIMA RAO : Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to place on the table—

(*a*) a list of names of those appointed as District Panchayat Officers as from 1st May 1946, their qualifications, their caste or community and the districts to which they belong; and also the dates of their appointments; and

(*b*) a list of names of those appointed as Commissioners of Municipalities in the Province, with dates, their qualifications, their caste or community and the district to which they belong as from 1st May 1946 ?

THE HON. SRI K. MADHAVA MENON (on behalf of Hon. the Minister for Local Administration) :—" (*a*) & (*b*) Two statements [a] showing the necessary particulars are placed on the table of the House."

Issue price of salt.

* 84 *Q.*—SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO : Will the Hon. the Minister for Rural Development be pleased to state—

(*a*) what the present issue price of salt is in the fish-curing yards of the West Coast and the East Coast;

(*b*) whether the present rate is an enhanced rate and, if so, when the rate was enhanced;

(*c*) whether the Government are aware that the issue price of salt remained the same from 1924 to 1945;

(*d*) (1) what the reasons are for the enhancement in 1945 and (2) a further enhancement in 1947 and (3) that too only on the West Coast;

(*e*) how does the market price of salt compare with the issue price in the fish-curing yards;

(*f*) whether it is a fact that the fish-curing yards on the West Coast have been working at a profit since their inception;

(*g*) whether the Government consider the curing and sale of fish as a part of the " Grow More Food " Campaign?

THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN (on behalf of Hon. the Minister for Rural Development) :—" (*a*) The issue price of salt in the fish-curing yards : In West Coast is Rs. 2–8–0 per maund and in East Coast is Rs. 1–14–0 per maund.

[a] Printed as Appendix on pages 374–375 infra.